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McDONALD, JOSEPH F., JR., a Male U. S. citizen, after being duly sworn at 29th Replacement Depot, Luzon, P. I. on 11 September 1945, testified as follows:

Q. How old are you?

A. 29.

Q. Were you interned by the Japanese or made a prisoner of war, and if so, when and where?

A. 23 December 1941 - Wake Island.

Q. Where did you reside at the time of your capture?

A. Working for United Press on Wake Island.

Q. By what Japanese unit were you captured?

A. Unknown (Navy).

Q. Do you expect to be repatriated, and if so, to what country?

A. U. S. A.

Q. What will your complete address be after your repatriation?

A. 115 Mark Twain Av., Reno, Nev.

Q. Will you state the names and locations of the camps at which you were held as a prisoner of war and the dates you were confined at each camp?

A. In reference to "Regulations for Prisoners" given to each prisoner at Wake Island before embarking 12 January 1942.

Q. Do you know or have you reason to believe that the Imperial Japanese Navy failed to treat prisoners of war with humanity or otherwise committed atrocities or war crimes against them?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you state all facts in detail pertaining to atrocities, war crimes, violations of Rules of Land Warfare and human decency at Wake Island, the dates thereof, the perpetrators, giving their names, ranks, units and other identifying information.

A. Before embarking at Wake Island on the Nita Maru on 9th January 1942, every prisoner was furnished with a copy of "Regulations for Prisoners".

copies of which were furnished your office by me on this date and which appear as exhibits with this testimony.

When we got on the boat they took away all clothing except that which we were wearing, all jewelry such as watches, rings, fountain pens, etc. For the first two days we had no water and the hatches were kept closed. During the trip the guards who came down were beating the men without provocation.

The sanitary conditions were foul, the Japanese failing at times to empty our slop buckets. We had two cans for 150 men in our hold.

I have compared my original copy "Regulations for Prisoners" received by me as indicated above with the typewritten copies which your office has made and I wish to state that your copies are exact copies of my original, word for word.

(Sgd.) JOE F. McDONALD, JR.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September 1945.

(Sgd.) JAMES R. LYNCH,  
JAMES R. LYNCH, 2d Lt., INF,  
01326712, INVESTIGATING OFFICER  
WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATING  
DETACHMENT.

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(Sgd.) THOMAS F. MORRANE  
Lt. Col., A.I.F.

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Commander of the Prisoner Escort  
Navy of the Great Japanese Empire.

Regulations for Prisoners.

1. The prisoners disobeying the following orders will be punished with immediate death.
  - a/ Those disobeying orders and instructions.
  - b/ Those showing a motion of antagonism and raising a sign of opposition.
  - c/ Those disordering the regulations by individualism, egoism, thinking only about yourself, rushing for your own goods.

- d/ Those talking without permission and raising loud voices.
- e/ Those walking and moving without order.
- f/ Those carrying unnecessary baggage in embarking.
- g/ Those resisting mutually.
- h/ Those touching the boat's materials, wires, electric lights, tools, switches, etc.
- i/ Those climbing ladder without order.
- j/ Those showing action of running away from the room or boat.
- k/ Those trying to take more meal than given to them.
- l/ Those using more than two blankets.

2. Since the boat is not well equipped and inside being narrow, food being scarce and poor you'll feel uncomfortable during the short time on the boat. Those losing patience and disordering the regulation will be heavily punished for the reason of not being able to escort.

3. Be sure to finish your "nature's call", evacuate the bowels and urine, before embarking.

4. Meal will be given twice a day. One plate only to one prisoner. The prisoners called by the guard will give out the meal quick as possible and honestly. The remaining prisoners will stay in their places quietly and wait for your plate. Those moving from their places reaching for your plate without order will be heavily punished. Same orders will be applied in handling plates after meal.

5. Toilet will be fixed at the four corners of the room. The buckets and cans will be placed. When filled up a guard will appoint a prisoner. The prisoner called will take the buckets to the center of the room. The buckets will be pulled up by the derrick and be thrown away. Toilet papers will be given. Everyone must cooperate to make the room sanitary. Those being careless will be punished.

6. Navy of the Great Japanese Empire will not try to punish you all with death. Those obeying all the rules and regulations, and believing the action and purpose of the Japanese Navy, cooperating with Japan in constructing the "New Order of the Great Asia" which lead to the world's peace will be well treated.

The End.

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